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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Reply is filed in complete response to the Official Action [restriction requirement] mailed on March 27, 2002 (Paper No. 12).

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 10 without prejudice or disclaimer thereto.

Please replace claims 1-5 as follows:

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1. (Twice Amended) An agent comprising a protein complex comprising an oligomeric form of  $\alpha$ -lactalbumin (MAL) and a cytotoxin, which is combined with MAL such that it is carried into the nucleoplasm of cells which are susceptible to MAL.
2. (Amended) An agent according to claim 1 wherein said cytotoxin is coupled to MAL by conjugation.
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